

"MTF Revenue Cycle Management"

Strengthening The Back End Processes

Cost Recovery Program
Manager's Training



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Incentive Planning



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Overview

- Why have a plan?
- What makes up a good plan?
- Selling the plan
- 366th MDG
- Discussion



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Why have a plan?

- Motivate staff
- Enhance visibility
- Promote success of program



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What makes up a good plan?

- Criteria clearly defined
- Easy to understand
- Attainable
- Fair
- Equal Opportunity



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Examples

- Spot recognition (cookies, candy, certificates)
- Contests (most newly identified insurance records)
- TPC Appreciation Week (includes ALL hospital staff and patients)
- Monthly / Quarterly formal recognition



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Selling the Plan

- Quantify the benefit
 - (e.g., increase injury identification by 50%)
- Equate the benefit to dollars
- Clearly show potential



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366th MDG Incentive Plan

- Includes coding and insurance capture compliance
- Detailed tracking system
- Maintains a 95% or better compliance rate



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Discussion



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Questions?



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MS Excel Pivot Tables

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What do pivot tables provide?

- A way to quickly analyze large quantities of data
- Easy manipulation of columns and rows
- Dramatic reductions in calculation errors



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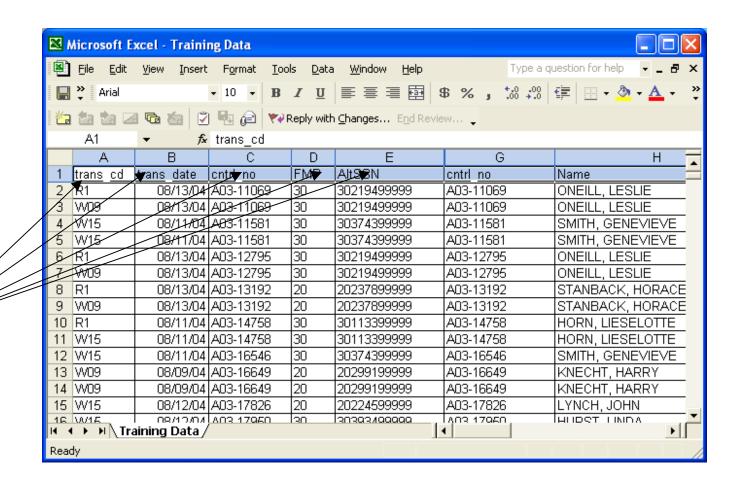
How do you start

- First, identify the data that you would like to analyze
- Import / open the data table in MS Excel
- Ensure that all columns have a title
- Ensure that the properties of each field are appropriately set / formatted
 - Dates should be formatted as dates
 - Currency should be formatted as currency
 - Etc



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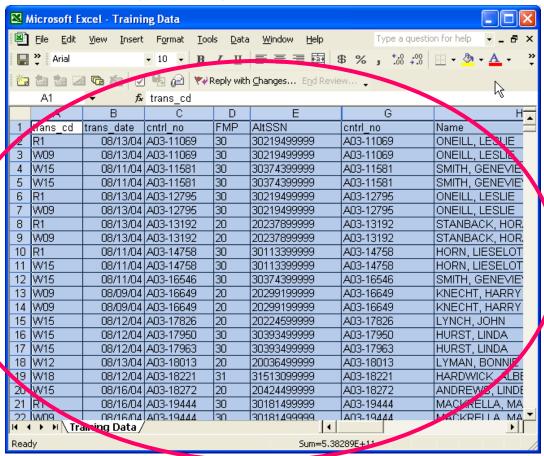
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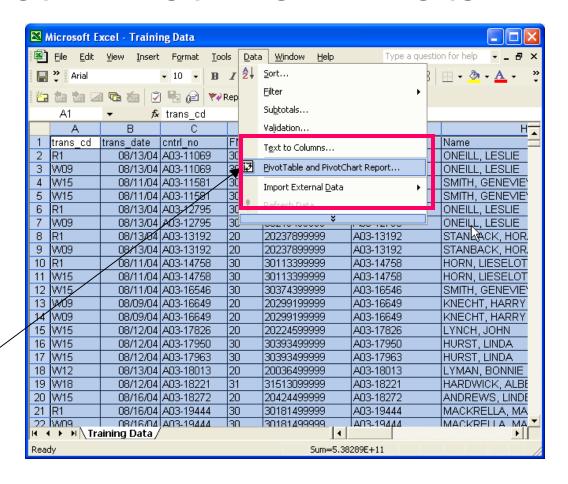
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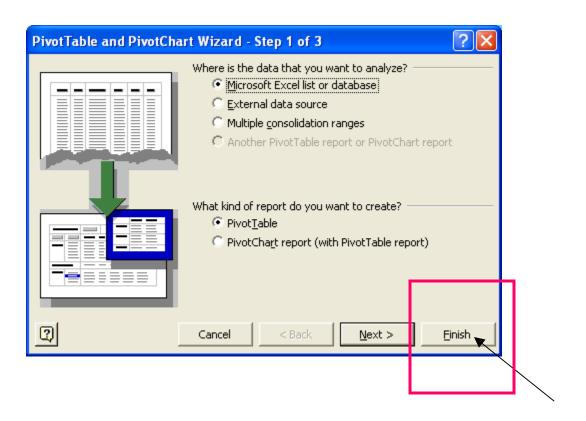
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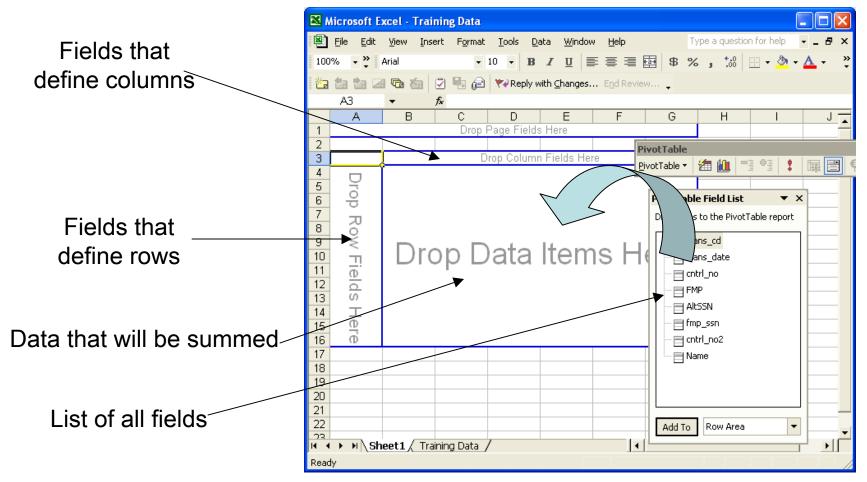


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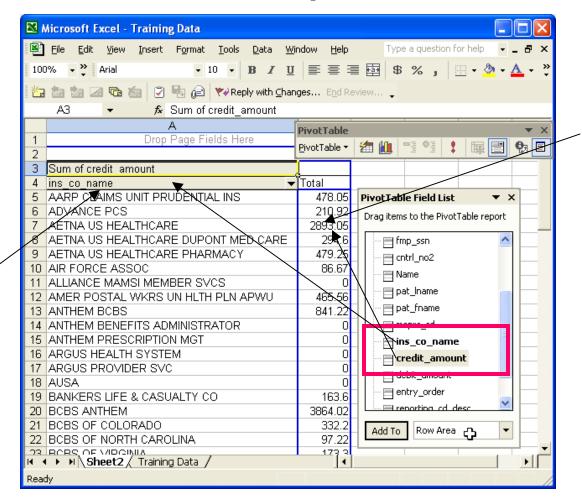
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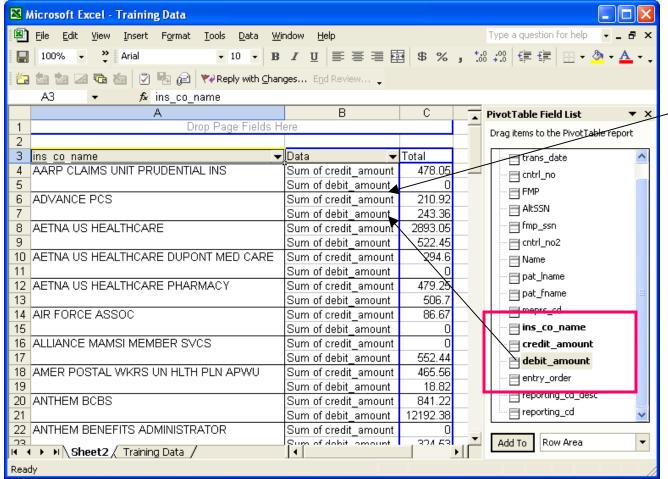
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Sample

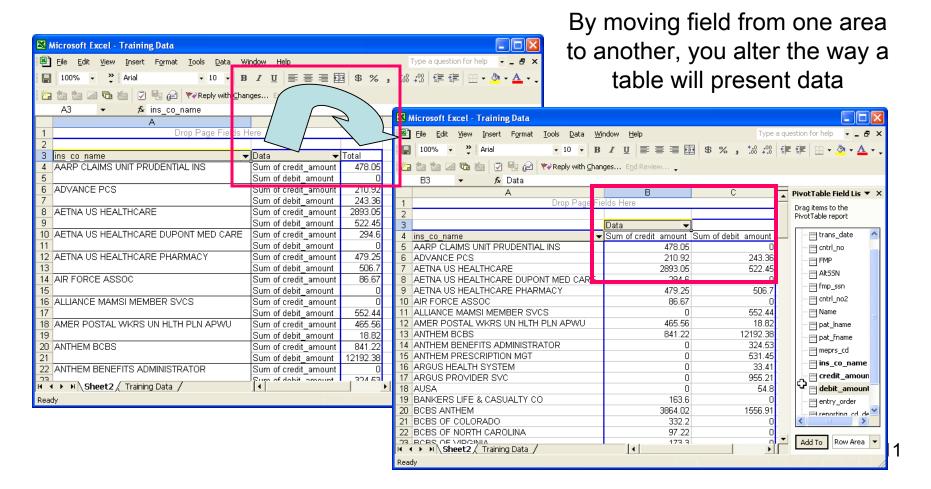


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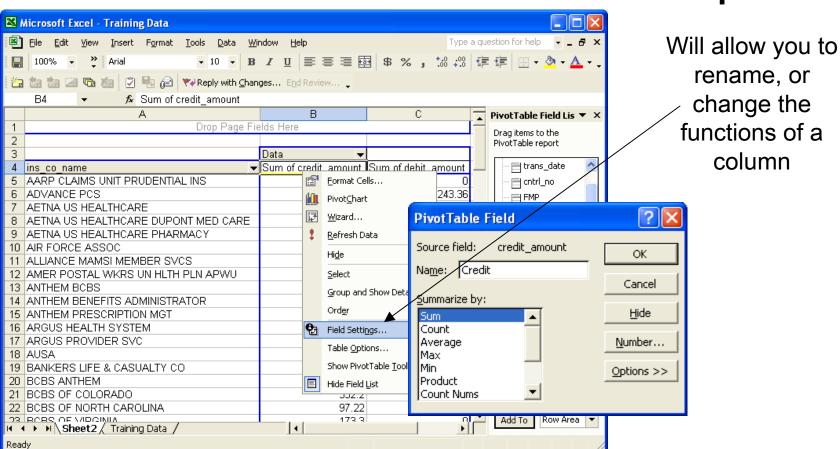
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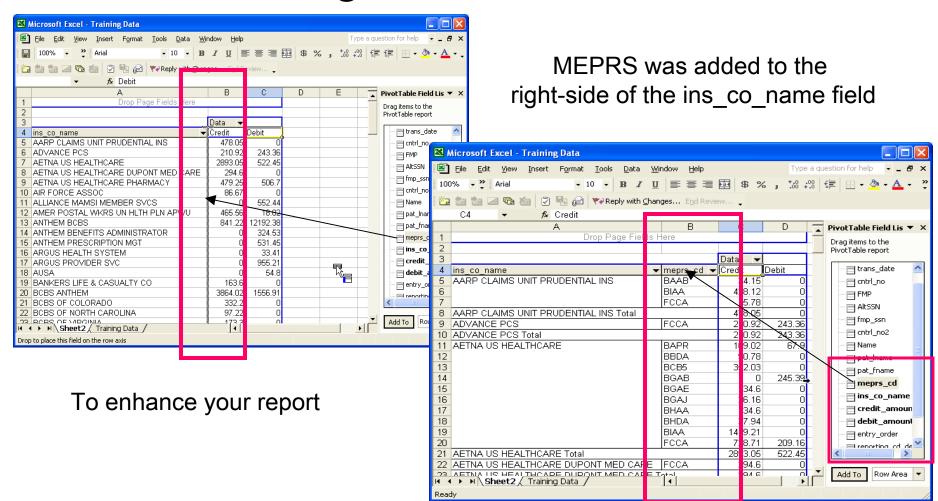
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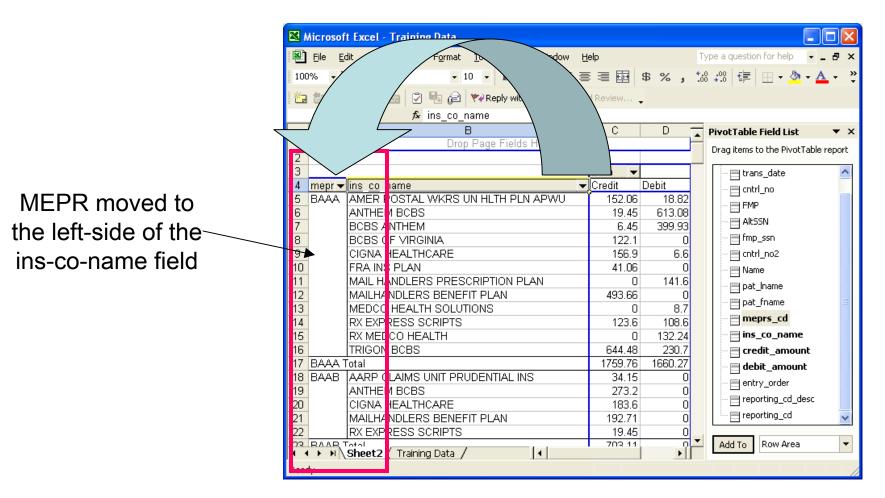
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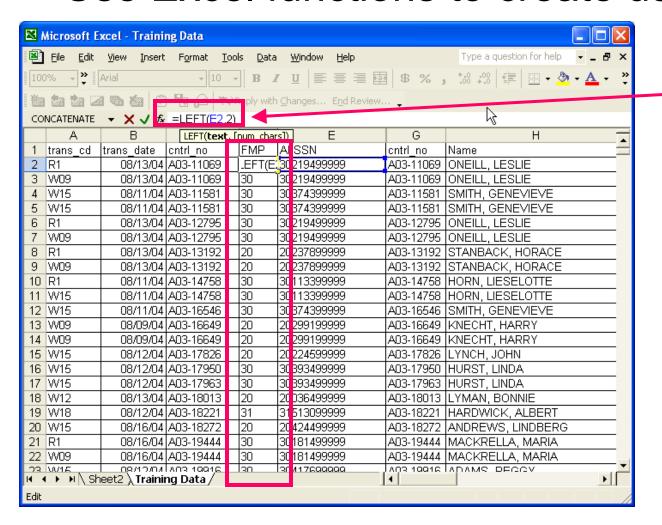
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Use Excel functions to create useful columns



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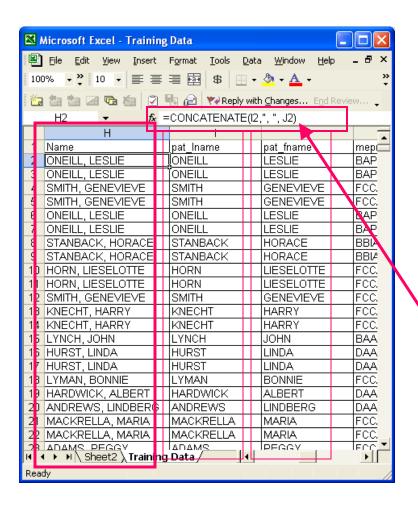
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Note: If you delete, or alter a column used in a calculation the system will display a "ref error" message indicating that something it requires is no longer available



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Use Excel functions to create useful columns





Note: Many times, elements of a formula are separated by a comma. In this formula, it just so happens that I wanted to insert a comma between the first and last name. The inserted comma required quotes

Used to merge the pat_Iname in "12" and the pat_fname in "J2" with a comma in the middle to create a single name



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All of the functions that have been outlined in the presentation are available in any good MS Excel book for Advanced users.



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Payer and Provider Follow-Up



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Overview

- Definition
- Ideal Accounts Receivable Aging
- Guidance
- Tools
- Techniques / Approaches / Goals
- Discussion



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What is effective payer and provider follow-up?

Least amount of time spent for highest collection



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Ideal Accounts Receivable Aging Table

40% - In house 0-31 days

25% - 31-60 days

20% - 61- 90 days

8% - 91-180 days

7% - 181 days



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Guidance

- 32 CFR, Part 220
- DoD 6010.15, Chapter 3 and 4
- Service Regulations



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Management Tools

- Ad-hoc reports
- Accounts Receivable Spreadsheet or Database
- Carrier Correspondence
- Payer language



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Approach

- Payer Relations
 - Top Ten Carriers
 - Face-to-face meetings
 - Payer rules and guidelines

- Staffing
 - Ratio
 - Structure
 - Personality



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Techniques

- Organize
 - Controllable -Provider
 - Uncontrollable -Payer
 - Legal Support

- Prioritize
 - High Dollar
 - Age



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Setting Goals

Key Performance Indicators

- Daily, Weekly, Monthly
- Quarterback Sessions



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Discussion



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Key Performance Indicators



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Overview

- Definition
- What qualifies as a good KPI?
- Examples
- DoD Metrics
- How to use KPI to monitor your organization's progress.



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Key Performance Indicator - Defined

A quantifiable measurement that reflects critical success factors of an organization.



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What are KPIs?

- Must reflect organizations goals
- Must be key to success
- Usually are long term considerations
- Measure must be quantifiable and clearly defined



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Must be Quantifiable

- Must be accurately defined
- Must determine measurement
- Must have target



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Example of a Bad KPI

Title	Increase Collections			
Definition	Change in collections each month			
Measurement	Total collections for each month			
Target	Increase collections			



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Example of Good KPI

Title	Increase Collections
Definition	The dollar amount of collections from all revenue sources (TPC, MSA, MAC) displayed by month for the current and past two fiscal years.
Measurement	The billing systems (CHCS and TPOCS) contain dollars collected by revenue source. Each month the UBO Manager will post collections to the graph.
Target	Increase collections by 2% each month



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DoD Performance Metrics



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Working with the results

- Use as a performance tool
- Review the processes associated with the KPI
- Meet with staff and determine process improvement measures
- Monitor improvement
- Post everywhere



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Questions?



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A Guide to Establishing a Compliance Program

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Overview

- What is Compliance?
- Establishing your Compliance Program
- Key players in the facility
- Preparing your Compliance Binder/Manual
- The role of the MTF with the New Central Contract
- Establish/update your MOU with Base Legal
- Why have a Compliance Program?
- References
- Closing summary



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What is Compliance?

"The Development and distribution of acceptable Standards of Conduct and the commitment to comply with lawful practices of Billing & Coding. Designation of a Compliance Officer, Education & Training of Staff, as well as ongoing Internal and External Monitoring and Auditing."

"A Plan of Attack"



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Establishing your Compliance Program

- Appoint a Compliance QAE; in writing
- Establish a Compliance Committee
- Schedule a meeting to discuss purpose, goals and objectives
 - Must have agenda and minutes
- Announcement to the MTF, to include identifying a poc for reporting issues, problems or concerns
- Perform a baseline assessment of your program
- Conduct training
- Documentation
- Follow-up/corrective actions
- Marketing



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Establishing your Compliance Program

- Marketing (ALL Aboard!)
 - Brochures in the Clinics
 - Posters in Lobby waiting room areas
 - Base Paper Ads (did I mention; FREE)
 - Hospital News letter
 - Take Ten at the retiree briefings
 - Take Ten at the Hospital right start briefings
 - Someone in the lobby on retiree day
 - -- 1st of the month, front of Pharmacy (*w/goodies*)



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Key players in the facility

- OHI Collection Staff
- Budget Analyst
- TPC QAE
- Coding Auditor
- GPM
- DQ Manager
- MEPRS Coordinator
- Clinical Manager (OICs & NCOICs)

Note: These folks would be great candidates for your compliance committee



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Preparing a Compliance Binder

- Appoint Letter
- UBO Business Rules
- POC list; Contractor Hub QAE, MAJCOM, Gunter & Air Staff
- Staff Training Log (Monthly, Quarterly and Annual)
- Meeting schedule, agenda's and previous minutes
- Copy of any internal assessments completed
- TPC & Coding Guides/References
- DoD UBO Compliance Checklist
- Copy of Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- TPC & Coding AFAA, HSI and JACHO Reports
 - Documentation of findings and corrective actions!
 - Record of distribution to appropriate departments
 - Documentation of re-training



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The role of the MTF with the New Central Contract

- Provide maximum participation in the collection and verification of OHI (Other Health Insurance)
- Establish a solid Coding Compliance Plan that includes audits and coordinated feedback <u>directly back to the providers</u>
 - If providers have begun coding using CHCS II; make sure you have ongoing training and support.
 - If certified coders are coding; make sure you have an outside entity to perform the audits. Also, audits findings must be shared with the coders and appropriate training given.
 - Prospective and retrospective billing audits
 - The recommended priority for certified coding staff should be;
 - CPC or CCS-P
 - RHIA or RHIT



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The role of the MTF with the New Central Contract

- <u>Guess what?</u> MTF still has overall responsibility for the MSA Civ ER
 & Third Party Collections Program
- Monitor and measure Contractor performance against key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Perform monthly TPC Financial Reconciliation
- Appoint a UBO Manager that will;
 - Ensure pertinent monthly data is received from the contractor
 - Develop and implement regular UBO compliance education and training for all staff involved in the UBO process
 - Establish and maintain a marketing level of effort to the patients and MTF staff



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The role of the MTF with the New Central Contract

- Closely monitor and track refunds from both the process and financial prospective
- Monitor billed verses collected amounts
- Chart progress month to month, comparing prior year

Additional recommendations:

MTF QAE should use TPOCS to pull the following reports;

- 1. Clinical Summary Reports by month
- 2. Write-off breakout report (if done by contractor)
- 3. Positive Balance Reports
- 4. Negative Balance Reports
- 5. Last page of Accounts Receivables



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Establish/update your MOU with Base Legal

- Your MTF should have a signed MOU that covers both TPC and MAC/TPL. Signed by the MTF Commander and a representative from Base Legal. (a template is available)

SJA's responsibilities & right to collect are outlined under:

- -- AFI 51-502, Chap 5, Section 5.2.2.1 & 5.4.1.1.
- -- AFI 41-120, Medical Resource Operations
- -- The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act



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Why have a Compliance Program?

- It's a requirement

- Benefits

- Reduces the opportunity for Fraud and Abuse
- Improves Coding and Documentation
- Provides a centralized resource of information for the staff
- Encourages the staff to report potential problems
- Accountability by managers and staff
- Early detection and quick resolution for problem areas
- Establishment of proactive measures
- Potential for increased revenue



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References

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- www.mgma.com



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Closing summary

3 Keys to success

- 1. We must do our part at the MTF level to collect the OHI and support the program by working with the contractor!
- 2. We must continue to improve our coding and coding processes!
- 3. We must continuously monitor, track, document, evaluate, provide training and <u>most of all; take action</u> <u>when needed!</u> Compliance will be a work in progress.



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Questions???



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HIPAA National Provider Identifier Integrated Project Team

Recommendation for Enumeration of Military Health System Organizational Providers

NPI Overview

- Two categories of health care providers to be enumerated:
 - □ Entity Type 1 Individual Providers
 - ☐ Tracks to the "Professional Component" of an encounter
 - ☐ For example: Physicians, Physical Therapist, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - □ Entity Type 2 Organizational Providers
 - Tracks to the "Institutional Component" of an encounter
 - ☐ Think "building costs" in civilian healthcare system
 - □ For example: hospital, doctor's office, reference laboratory, CVS Pharmacy, ambulance service, imaging center, ambulatory surgery center

NPI Background

- □ NPI Final Rule (45 CFR, Part 162) published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004
- ☐ Mandates an all numeric 10 digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) to identify covered health care providers in HIPAA standard transactions
- ☐ Enumeration of providers to begin May 23, 2005
 - The National Plan and Provider Enumerator System (NPPES), developed under contract with Health and Human Services, will be the computer system to assign NPIs, store data about the providers and apply updates to provider data when received.
- ☐ Compliance date May 23, 2007
 - After this date, the NPI is the only identifier that can be used to identify providers in the HIPAA standard transactions.

Obtain an NPI-Type 2

- ☐ In General:
 - □ Those with legislative authority to bill
 - Defense Health Program (DHP) funded facilities
 - Air Evacuation
 - Military Treatment Facilities that generate Standard Inpatient Data Reports (SIDRs) and Standard Ambulatory Data Reports (SADRs)
 - ☐ Facilities that may initiate / receive electronic referrals

Responsibilities

- □ Provide guidance to Services on what data elements need to submitted to UBO for Type 2 NPI application
- □ Submit for NPI based on Service furnished data
- □ Ensure NPI is submitted to the appropriate data base / repository (probably the DMIS ID table)
- Ensure updates to NPI data are submitted to the NPPES within 30 days of notification of change

Service Responsibilities:

- Submit required data elements for all MTFs generating bills or initiating and receiving referrals/consults to TMA Uniform Business Office (UBO)
- □ Notify UBO of NPI when received
- Report changes in data elements to TMA UBO within 15 days of the change

Recommendation: DoD Health Affairs Policy

- Propose the ASD/Health Affairs disseminate a Policy Memorandum by X Date, to the Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy & Air Force to address:
 - □ Who is responsible for obtaining Type 2 NPIs for MHS facilities
 - ☐ The UBO using Service furnished data
 - □ When Type 2 NPIs will be required
 - □ Begin applying on May 23, 2005
 - □ Obtain by May 23, 2007
 - **How -** MTF Commanders can submit data elements to the TMA UBO for obtaining Type 2 NPIs for their facilities

Recommendation: DoD Health Affairs Policy (Cont'd)

- □ Where Type 2 NPIs should be submitted once obtained
- □ What the Services' responsibilities will be
 - Surgeons General to disseminate instructions to MTF Commanders by X Date, 2005 to include this policy and UBO / UBU guidance and any additional details regarding the Type 2 NPI enumeration process
 - Submit required data elements for all MTFs generating bills or initiating and receiving referrals/consults to TMA Uniform Business Office (UBO)
 - □ Notify UBO of NPI when received
 - Report changes in data elements to TMA UBO within 15 days of the change

How Provider Taxonomies Fit In

- Each organizational provider is required to list one or more Provider Taxonomies on the Type 2 NPI application
 - In preparation for this requirement, UBO is working to develop definitions for several new and existing MHS specific organizational provider taxonomies for different types of Military organizational providers
 - ☐ Military Clinics / Centers (fixed, deployed)
 - ☐ Military Hospitals (fixed, deployed)
 - ☐ Military Laboratories not associated with an MTF
 - Military Pharmacies, both associated with an MTF and those not associated with an MTF
 - □ Military Ambulances
 - For electronic billing, referrals and other HIPAA electronic transactions, NPIs will be used in conjunction with HIPAA Provider Taxonomies to identify specific subparts of an MTF

Example of NPI Type 2 Used with Provider Taxonomies

- ☐ Hill Clinic will have a unique 10-digit NPI Type 2. It will have the following HIPAA Provider Taxonomies:
 - □ 261QM1100X Military Outpatient Services,
 - □ 261QM1101X Military Ambulatory Procedure Visit [same-day-surgeries]
 - □ 261QM1102X Military Outpatient Operational Component [deployed asset, such as an Air Transportable Clinic],
 - □ 261QM1103X Military APV Operational Component
 - □ 33xxxxxxxxx Pharmacy (for items dispensed to an outpatient)
 - □ 34xxxxxxxxA Military Ambulance, Ground
 - □ 34xxxxxxxxD Military Patient Transport, Ground

Summary

- Recommended Process for Enumerating Organizational Providers (NPI-Type 2)
 - □ Step 2 ASD/HA issue a Policy Memorandum by X Date, 2005
 - □ Step 3 Surgeons General issue Guidance to MTF Commanders by X Date, 2005
 - □ Step 4 TMA UBO begin applying for Type 2 NPIs after May 23, 2005
 - Step 5 All organizational providers that need a Type 2 NPI have obtained one and submitted to the designated data / repository by 23, 2007

Recommendation

Approve the recommended process for enumerating Type 2 (organizational) providers

NPI IPT Next Steps

- Draft functional/systems requirements for use of the NPI, both Type 1 and Type 2
 - □ Target September 30, 2004
- Develop system change requests and request for cost and schedule (based on functional/system requirements)
 - □ Target October 15, 2004
 - Draft Policy and UBO Guidance for enumeration of Type 2 (organizational) providers
 - □ Target October 30, 2004
 - Work with the National Uniform Claims Committee to get Provider Taxonomy definitions approved / published by January 2005

HIPAA Milestone Chart National Provider Identifier IPT (as of 08/23/04)

	✓ Identify IPT Members ✓ Review / Analyze Final Rule ✓ Approval of IPT Charter ✓ Begin holding IPT and workgroup meetings	Requirements Determine TRICARE contract requirements Prepare draft contract mods Draft SCRs for system changes Develop draft Communications Plan	 Request IGCE Develop implement plan and compliance Develop draft proveducation /community Begin development compliance strategie criteria Draft NPI Type 1 & Provider Enumeration Policies 	■ Finalize pro education / co plan to include initial enume ■ Educate pro initial enume ■ Educate pro initial enume ■ Issue contra ■ Finalize Imp Plan	ovider communication ade process for eration oviders on eration process	■Test & evaluate system changes ■Implement system changes ■Implement policy and business changes	by May 2007 Monitor Compliance
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Determine System Requirements. October 2004

Determine NPI usage for other than HIPAA standard transactions

Legend: ✓ Task Completed





Progress Stopped



Current Phase

IPT Membership

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Office of the Surgeon General of the Navy

Office of the Surgeon General of the Air Force

Office of the Chief Medical Officer/ Medical

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Pharmacy Operations

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